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REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action of November 14, 2006.

The applicants elect Group II, the method claims, with traverse.

First, it is submitted that new apparatus claim 18 so closely parallels method claim 10 that the process of claim 10 cannot be performed by another or materially different apparatus and the apparatus of claim 18 cannot be used to practice another or materially different process than claim 10. Further, it is submitted that apparatus claim 19 so closely parallels method claim 12 (incorporating parent claim 11) that the method of claim 12 cannot be performed by a materially different apparatus than that of claim 18 and that the apparatus of claim 18 cannot be used to perform a materially different method than the method of claim 12. Accordingly, it is submitted that restriction between method claim 10 and apparatus claims 18 and 19 is improper.

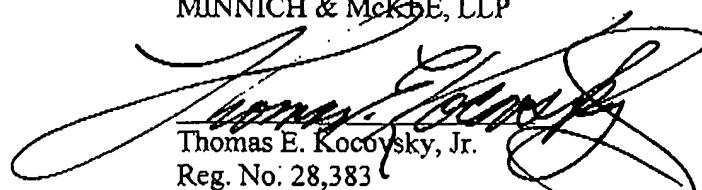
It is further submitted that apparatus claim 1 so closely parallels method claim 10; apparatus claim 2 so closely parallels method claim 13; apparatus claim 3 so closely parallels method claim 14; etc. that restriction between apparatus claims 1-9 and method claims 10-17 is improper.

The applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement and an early examination of all claims.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, she is requested to telephone Thomas Kocovsky at (216) 861-5582.

Respectfully submitted,

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